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FOREWORD *

In our modern world, fantastic opportunities for scientific and material achievement are open to all men. Yet the most challenging and often unanswered question we as men have to face, cannot be answered adequately by scientific knowledge; for the question of how to find meaning and significance in life is one which each of us must answer for himself on the basis of his own experiences.

By finding his own meaning each man can fulfill his responsibility to himself and all humanity. This is a responsibility because it is purpose and meaning in life which make mere existence human and significant. Because of this great duty, those of us who are called disabled are equal to all other men. For they like us are struggling to find their answers.

Education assists us in our quest for meaning and purpose. Through it can be found a knowledge of the good and truly important aspects of living. Thus, to those responsible for our opportunity to be here at the University of Illinois, we are forever grateful. To them let us prove our ability to live significantly.

Sylvia Dean



DAVID D. HENRY
President, University of Illinois

A Greeting from President Henry

The University of Illinois is proud of its pioneer contributions to the education and rehabilitation of the physically handicapped. The manner in which they gain an education here has become influential in the educational philosophy and methods followed elsewhere, and is leading to better public understanding of the special problems of rehabilitation.

The people of America have given widespread and generous support to the work for the handicapped. This support is acknowledged that through education and training, through research and care, there is an economic conservation of human resources. But there is something more than economic concern and beyond humanitarian impulse, for each one of the handicapped who accomplishes a useful role in society is a continuing inspiration to all those about him.

On the campus of the University of Illinois we constantly see the indomitable spirit manifested by the handicapped students and we honor their courage and look with affection upon the example which they set.

DAVID D. HENRY
President
University of Illinois



TIM NUGENT, seated second left, and his staff

The Dream-and the Man who made it come true

Ten years ago, a man interested in promoting the higher educational opportunities for 8 disabled men came to the University of Illinois and started a "temporary" rehabilitation program. This man was Timothy J. Nugent, who has ever since been successfully fighting prejudice, misunderstanding and ignorance on the part of state senators, university professors, and even the able-bodied students themselves, in order to allow the disabled to prove their capabilities.

This "temporary" program is now 10 years old and has expanded beyond anyone's imagination. One hundred and fifty-three students now attend the University of Illinois; they have access to every curriculum on campus and are able to participate in all campus activities. Thanks to Mr. Nugent's great personal drive, he has inspired the government and several organizations to donate funds so that now almost every building on campus is ramped and is accessible; also, two buses equipped with hydraulic lifts make hourly trips around campus, dropping students off at their academic classes, to go shopping, and the physical therapy classes which are attended by every rehabilitation student in place of physical education. Besides these concrete achievements, Mr. Nugent has been a lasting influence upon every student who has entered the university under his auspices. His great strength of character and confidence in the purposes of the program are a never-failing source of courage to all those whom he has helped.

But this is not the end, for Mr. Nugent is still dreaming and who knows, perhaps the next issue of this magazine may mark another achievement for Mr. Nugent and the students who owe him so much.

Sylvia Dean



BY BUS

A Learning We Shall Go

High school graduation — then what? Strangely enough quite a few of us had graduated from high school before ever hearing about the Student Rehabilitation Center here at Illinois.



. OR BY CAR

Before the "word" reaches a physically handicapped high school student or graduate he usually experiences a great anxiety about his chances of going to college. The nearby colleges always seem to have buildings that are inaccessible by wheelchair or such a large campus that a person on crutches can hardly navigate such distances.

But then, if lucky, he hears the "word" about Tim Nugent and his Program.

So here we are, on the campus of one of the largest universities in the country. We can pursue any curriculum, take any course, and independently navigate about the campus. The sparkling achievements made by some of Professor Nugent's first students, as well as the American desire to excel in competition with the man next to us, gives us all the courage and incentive to study hard.

Here we have a chance — a chance to advance ourselves scholastically, emotionally, and socially. Here we can prove that our mind isn't slow or incapable just because our body happens to be less than strong. Here we can for the first time live independently — without doting parents or friends — and as a result we gain that first feeling of self confidence about tackling the great big world alone.

College life is great fun—ask any student you know — but to those of us in the Program it's a tremendous chance as well.

Glen Bellows



THE LINE UP

Getting Acquainted

"Factor each of the following completely." This was our introduction to the campus of the University of Illinois, and the beginning of Orientation Week. The date: Saturday, September 6; the time: 1:30 p.m.; the place: the warm meeting room in Latzer Hall; the occasion: Mathematics Placements Tests for the entering students in the Rehabilitation Program. The affair for the rest of the day was a little more pleasant — a picnic sponsored by the alumni of Delta Sigma Omicron. Fried chicken, croquet and volleyball were the main attractions.

Monday, bright and early, back to Latzer Hall for the Rhetoric Placement Exams. After lunch we met again at Latzer Hall for the working out of class schedules. The room was filled with confused voices saying, "What shall I take?" and "How am I going to wheel for Architecture to the Chemistry Annex in ten minutes?"

Tuesday was pre-registration day, and we were introduced to another building — the Armory, where we received our first lesson in wheeling in long distances. After lunch we formed a line outside the Rehabilitation Center and got a good suntan as we waited to go in and apply for elevator keys, parking permits, and register for physical therapy.



After the sermon — the benediction



And the children went nutting in the wooded area



Chief Boen and his squaw

Wednesday morning we converged upon (you guessed it!) Latzer Hall for a meeting with Mr. Nugent and were admonished to "always be in complete command of your chair when accepting a push." The afternoon found us being acquainted with the buildings in which our classes would be held, learning the secret formula of operating the elevators, and trying to remember that in Lincoln Hall, "The odd numbers are to the right of the door, and the even numbers are to the left."

The main activity Thursday was the procuring of books. As soon as we had gotten our many books, we all dashed home and immediately looked through each one.

Friday morning, following meetings with the Dean of Women and the Dean of Men, we descended upon good old faithful Latzer Hall for a special meeting with the Rehabilitation Center Staff and the Executives of Delta Sigma Omicron. Saturday we picked up our I.D. cards, elevator keys, Activity cards, and in the evening attended Student Activity Night.

Sunday brought the climax to a busy week — the outing at Lake Springfield, sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans, Springfield Division. The Ladies Auxiliary prepared and served both luncheon and supper. On the program were about eight musical groups — performances ranging from classical music to hillbilly, a trampoline



Ten bucks for "that" little book?



The pause that refreshes



The most happy fellow

act put on by the Springfield Recreation Department and a water ski show by the Lake Springfield Boat Club. Some of the picnickers went swimming, Mr. Nugent and the staff joining in with all others. But the highlight of the day for the nearly one hundred students who attended the picnic, was boat rides in craft provided by members of the D.A.V.

It was a tired but happy group of students that arrived back on campus Sunday night. Underlying the conversation about the wonderful time had, sunburns received and new friends made, was one thought — classes begin the next day.

Gloria Chin



Good friends, good weather . . . and good food

Scholarship

We of the Student Rehabilitation Center's program, of course, come to the University primarily for the educational benefits to be found on this huge campus. Here there is the one big chance to get the background and training for that all-important JOB. Here we can learn to use our brains instead of our backs.

Here, on the campus of the sixth largest university in the United States, we can prove our worth by competing as equals against able-bodied students. There is a great measure of satisfaction in every one of our hearts because we are competing in a game where "no punches are pulled."

To those of the rehabilitation program who have successfully completed their college work we say, "congratulations — a job well done." To those who have unfortunately come and gone from campus without finishing their degree we have deep sympathy. A degree from a Big Ten college doesn't necessarily guarantee a job —but it helps!

We think good scholarship deserves praise. The following 53 of a total of 128 students made a 4.00 or better (5.0 is straight "A") during the fall semester 1958-1959.

* Aurbuchon, Max	* Gentry, David	Parsons, Ronald
Bellows, Glen	* Gornito, Eleanor	Rost, George
* Boen, James	Hambright, Patsy	Scheffelin, Margaret
Bredok, Roger	* Heyden, Richard	Schmidt, Margaret
* Carberry, Martha	Hediger, Marcia	Schrieker, Robert
Chanock, Carol	Heil, Donald	Schuyler, William
Chin, Gloria	Heitler, Donald	* Scotti, Joseph
Corsetti, Carmen	Hill, Lowell	Smith, Charlotte
Csicvara, Margaret	Huisinga, Dorothy	* Steinmetz, Donald
Dagis, Randall	Hutchins, J. Robert	Stewart, Harry
Dean, Sylvia	Jandera, Allan	Tully, Thomas
Dupree, Spence	Jensen, Paul	* Wenz, Betty Jane
Eckman, Connie	Joyce, Thomas	Weimer, Bruce
* Farrar, Norma	Keller, Leon	Wilkin, William
Faust, Carl	Koopman, Lynda	* Wolfe, James
Fine, John	* Linde, Thomas	Wolfson, Allan
Fortman, Louise	Meyer, Glendon	* Wright, Robert
* Ganns, Joseph	* Orr, Marcus	

The Asterisks Indicate Graduate Students

Grade Report - Semester 1 - 1958 - 1959

Student Rehabilitation Center

	<i>No. of Stud.</i>	<i>Avg. GPA</i>	<i>COLLEGES</i>		
Average G.P.A. For All Students	128	3.649	Agriculture	4	2.692
Married Students	19	3.874	Aviation	1	3.615
Single Students	109	3.610	Commerce	31	3.349
Male Students	90	3.627	Division of Special Studies	1	3.375
Female Students	38	3.703			
Veterans	8	3.429		<i>No. of Stud.</i>	<i>Avg. GPA</i>
Non-Veterans	120	3.664	Education	4	3.606
State Sponsored (Illinois)	72	3.503	Engineering	16	3.695
State Sponsored (Out-of-State)	30	3.712	Fine and Applied Arts	11	3.254
Personally Sponsored	18	4.229	Graduate	17	4.547
Basketball Team	22	3.302	Journalism	4	3.410
			Law	3	3.071
			Liberal Arts and Sciences	36	3.780

HOUSING

Residence Halls— Women	30	3.637
Residence Halls— Men	61	3.562
Organized Houses	3	4.183
Student-Staff Apartments	3	4.091
Stadium Terrace	3	3.576
Living at Home	16	3.785
Living on Own	6	3.946
Approved Facilities— Men & Women	4	3.256
Trailer	2	3.959

GROUPING BY GRADE POINT AVERAGE

<i>G.P.A.</i>	<i>No. of Students</i>
4.51 - 5.00	23
4.01 - 4.50	25
3.51 - 4.00	24
3.01 - 3.50	28
2.51 - 3.00	16
2.01 - 2.50	6
1.51 - 2.00	5
1.00 - 1.50	1

Glen Bellows

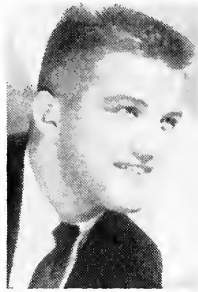
1959 GRADUATES



Cynthia Janice
Allen
Aurora, W. Va.
B.S. Psychology



Robert L. Arnold
Kewanee, Ill.
B.S. Accountancy



Glen L. Bellows
Spencer, Iowa
B.S. Mechanical
Engineering



William W.
Donahoe
Washington, Ill.
B.S. Journalism



Joseph L. Ganns
Chicago, Ill.
M. Ed.



Marcia Ann
Hediger
*Niagara Falls,
N.Y.*
B.A. English



Thomas C. Hein
Virden, Ill.
B.S. Advertising
Design



Dorothy M.
Huisinga
Paris, Ill.
B.S. Accountancy



Allan L. Jandera
LaGrange, Ill.
B.S. Accountancy



Paul A. Jensen
Chicago, Ill.
B.S. Electrical
Engineering



Thomas L. Jones
Carbondale, Ill.
B.S. Journalism



Katherine A.
Niemeyer
Brookfield, Ill.
B.S. Home
Economics



Donald K.
Steinmetz
*Evansville, Ind.
M. Ed.*



Betty Jane Wenz
*Phoenix, Ariz.
M. Ed.*



William C. Wilkin
*Chicago, Ill.
B.S. Accountancy*



James E. Wolfe
*Bronx, N.Y.
M. Ed.*



Arnold Wolochuk
*Chicago, Ill.
B.A. Sociology*

OTHER 1959 GRADUATES

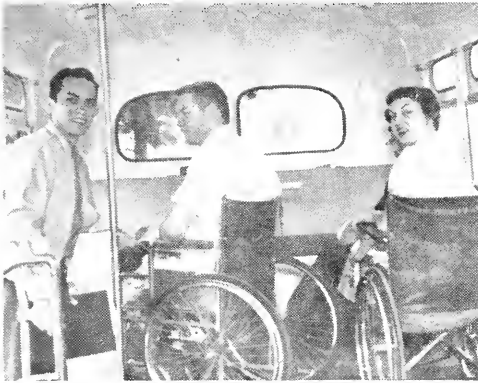
Max Aubuchon, M. Ed.; W. Randolph Coggins, B.S.E.E.; Charles Dahncke, B.S. Finance;
David Gentry, M. Ed.; Richard Hayden, B.S.E.E.; Juel Lee, M.S. Acc'y.; Frank Malone, B.S.
Mgm't; Jerry Morgan, B.S.M.E.; Michael O'Mara, B.S. Econ.; Phyllis Voy, B.S. Journ.; Bruce
Weimer, B.S. Acc'y.; Allen Wolfson, B. Ed.; and Robert Wright, M. Ed.



What'cha Lookin' At, Sylvia?



Editor Seybold
"What Is It My Boy?"



Looky, Jan, Another Man!
Rejoyce!
Be Ye Not Appalled!

CAMPUS CANDIDS

Pictures make news. This year these people made news on the University of Illinois campus.



A Rampant Georgian, "T-Babes"
In The Land Of Lincoln,
Tsk, Tsk!



The Ganns, Mr. and Mrs.



Call It Right, Ref

FOOTBALL

For the third consecutive year the mighty White Flashes dealt the Blue Streaks another winless season, thus maintaining their undefeated championship.

STATISTICS

	Whites	Blues
Sept. 27th	12	0
Oct. 25th	33	12
Nov. 15th	42	7
Nov. 22th	33	14

On Oct. 11 a combined White-Blue team, after calling a truce, allied themselves against a strong Alumni team and defeated them 21-14.

Wheelchair Football is the fall sport for the men of the Student Rehabilitation Center. Before any game is played, players are selected for each team by a draft system. Each team is allotted 1,000 points (plus 100 for every player lost from last year's season) which they bid with on likely prospects. When the drafting is completed the bi-weekly practice begins as soon as possible.

The game is played with a six-man team on a 60-yard field which is marked off every 10 yards, the 30-yard line being midfield instead of the usual 50-yard line. Kicks are simulated by passes, and instead of tackles the rules require the ball carrier to be touched simultaneously by both hands of the tackler. Grabbing hold of a wheelchair is illegal (with the exception of the horizontal arm rests which may be held onto when making a tackle), as is ramming another chair from the rear or side-rear (the big wheels). Other forms of blocking are permitted.

Any formation may be used offensively as long as the team maintains a three-man line and a three-man backfield, one wheelchair's depth behind the line. And, any defensive position is allowed as long as a two-man line is kept. All players are eligible receivers.

Jim Seybold



At The End Of A Trip, A Trophy

Gizz Kids Take Second In National Wheelchair Basketball Association Tournament

The University of Illinois Gizz Kids wheelchair basketball team ended their season by taking the second place trophy in the eleventh annual National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

The team, which was flown from Illinois to California by the Navy, started the tournament by ecking out a win over the Brooklyn Whirlaways 27-25 in a very close game at El Toro Marine Air Base. It was a rough game with considerable fouling, but the "Wheeling Illini" played it cool in the 90 degree afternoon heat and copped the quarter-final game.

Once they got rolling, the Kids played a heads up game against the California Flying Wheels at Garden Grove, defeating them 51-41. The game was also a triumph in the individual scoring records. Gizz Kids captain Ron Stein tied the existing rec-

ord by shooting 32 points. Tom Joyce, Bob Arnold, Harry Stewart, and Vince Caputo also assisted in this semi-final victory.

The last and final game at Garden Grove with the Pan American Jets was a bitter pill to swallow as the Jets rapped the Illini 45-31. In true form the Kids fought back from a slow start and kept even with the Jets throughout the second half, but the lead built up by The Pan-American Jets of New York in the first half was too much for Illinois to make up. It was not the final score that counted, however, but the way the game was played and it was a good, clean, hard-played game.

Ron Stein was named to the first team All-American, his third consecutive year, and Tom Joyce was voted a place on the second team at a banquet immediately following the tournament. After their return



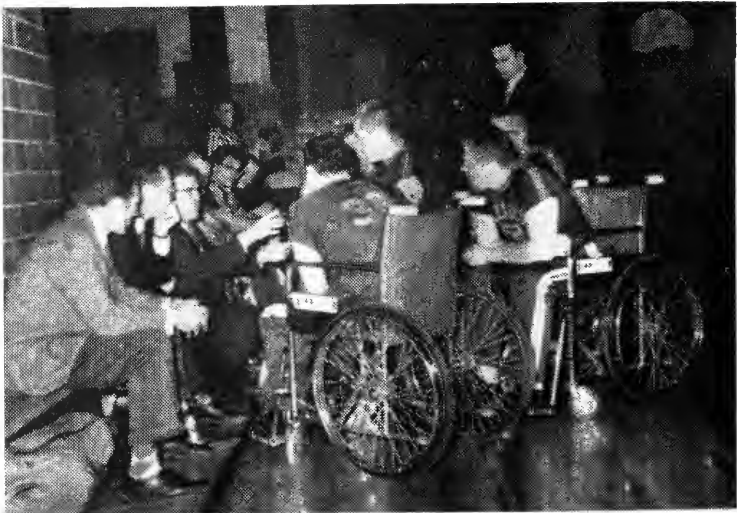
Shoot, Ron, Shoot

the team was feted further by the Campaign chapter of the American Legion.

But long before the tournament began, the boys were already anticipating the opening of the season and hoping to make the varsity team. Basketball is the most important sport here at Illinois in so far as being representative of the Rehabilitation Center's program in the public's eye. The men who participate in this highly competitive sport are well aware that playing basketball is more than just a game. These men who proudly wear the orange and blue uniform of the Illinois Gizz Kids know that the team is symbolic of the idea that

it is definitely one's ability, not his disability which counts. And, lastly, each member of the team sells himself. Hence, it is understandable why the Gizz Kids have always gained respect and admiration wherever they go.

This year was very successful not only in the games won, but for the first time in the history of the Gizz Kids the "Wheeling Illini" were able to have two varsity teams and one freshman team. By the time the second semester rolled around, just about all of the freshmen were moved up to the varsity team because of the basic concentrated training they received.



"This Is A Very Atypical Play"



Nice Follow Through, Ken



Stretch, Tom

Basketball is not just restricted to the male contingent, for wherever the team plays a squad of lovely cheerleaders travel with them to root for the Kids and keep their morale high. It is worthy to note that competition among the girls for a position as a cheerleader is high, and that they too put hours of their time into drills and cheers.

The game itself, as the boys soon find out, is a lot of hard work. It involves learning new concepts of what a person can do in a wheelchair. The skills which are acquired after a season with the team are often a far cry from what many had ever dreamed possible with their disability. But it only comes with training, training which almost becomes a religion. Coach Tim Nugent knows that hours of wheeling, passing the ball, shooting and recovering rebounds, sweating out fast drills and hard skirmishes are required before a polished player is made. Even after making the varsity team constant practice is required to keep in shape in order to be able to play the rugged teams of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.

Physical skills and abilities are not the only assets derived from basketball. Playing and working together as a unit moulds green individuals into a team with a winning spirit. Competition and sportsmanship go hand in hand with the Gizz Kids as do mental alertness and good grades in the class room. Of all the things gained from basketball the one from which all participants gain the most enjoyment are the tours and trips made by the team. This type of travel takes the Gizz Kids to places they never have been before and brings them in contact with many people.

Anyone desiring information regarding the rules and regulations of playing wheelchair basketball, or the formation of a wheelchair basketball team should write to the Student Rehabilitation Center, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois.

ILLINOIS	37	Kansas City	28
	81	Danville	82
	72	Shelbyville	71
	31	Alumni	23
	26	Alumni	27
	90	Elmhurst	76
	62	Piper City	46
	60	Buckley-Loda	52
	44	Indianapolis	21
	49	Cleveland	13
	20	St. Louis	22
	27	St. Louis	21
	29	St. Louis	21
	27	Brooklyn	25
	51	California	41
	31	Pan-Am	45

Jim Seybold



Bill Richard Watches George Rost Making A Big Lift

STRETCHING A POINT

The physical therapy department of the Student Rehabilitation Center acts as a vital link in the chain of activities which leads students in the program from dependence to independence. The business of being handicapped can be a bit complex. For those who have been disabled since birth learning to get along in a world of active, unhindered people is a process of continual growth toward increased skill. Finding out how best to eat a pizza or fasten a button for a person with cerebral palsy is, in fact, a brand new kind of experience in many cases. Proper therapy in these instances is really a necessary adjunct to quicker development of new ability. About a dozen folk who've been disabled since are busy with tailored programs of therapy in the treatment rooms of the Student Rehabilitation Center. A much greater percentage of the students in the program have become handicapped later in their development as a result of polio or injuries to the spine. The rehabilitation needs of these people are naturally different. For these the problems center about re-learning instead of starting afresh. Finding ways to hop easily in and out of an auto, handling effectively their wheelchairs and crutches, and using other public transportation facilities are of equal importance with the more fundamental activities of daily living. Of course in either case the ultimate objectives are the same: learning how to become a more socially and economically articulate member of society. By believing that needless dependence is in itself a handicap, while functional independence is a social and economic asset, the therapy staff, under the guidance of Charles Elms, is in a position to assist each student to discover and develop all his potential.



Jan's Loose As A Goose . . .



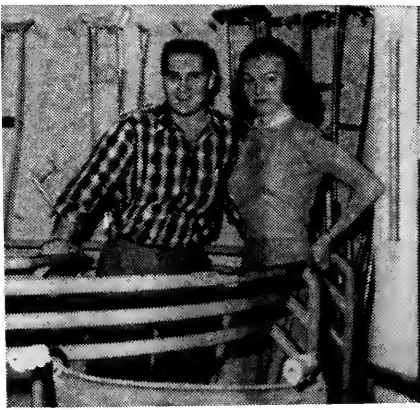
. . . But Chuck Is Checking To Be Sure!

Besides meeting the university's Physical Education requirements therapy provides the means through which handicapped students at the University of Illinois may gain greater self-sufficiency and self-confidence. The campus is so flat wheeling's a cinch, and elevators and ramps are everywhere. The two specially equipped buses circle the quadrangle hourly, picking up or dropping off students. Naturally the buses have hydraulic lifts. Being independent is easy. It's not a bit uncommon to see a group of Illini strolling up the broadwalk chatting amiably; that one of them may be wheeling himself matters to no one. One learns his duties in the world by learning of himself. The therapy program is a part of that process.

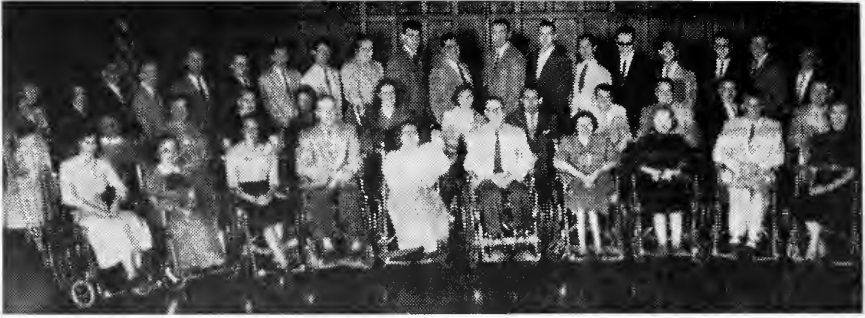
Tom Linde



Gee, But P.E. Is Fun, Right, Hutch?



All Work and No Play Would Make Tom A Dull Boy



Delta Sigma Omicron 1958-59

About Our Organization

In talking about the purposes of an organization, it is a simple matter to claim that one stands for good and opposes evil, and that we pledge ourselves to further the highest purposes of society. Rather than reprint slogans and mottos, however, we feel it more meaningful to spotlight some major concrete functions of DSO.

One obvious accomplishment of DSO is the annual publication of Sigma Signs. It is distributed on campus and also sent to every rehabilitation center, orthopedic school, and veteran's hospital in this country. The yearbook also boasts a broad international circulation. We hope to inspire and encourage other people who are handicapped.

Contributions to worthy charities total about \$17,500 to date. The Gizz Kids wheelchair basketball team, sponsored by DSO, was this year given a citation by the Muscular Dystrophy Association for the team's distinguished service in encouraging and inspiring other handicapped individuals. During the early years of DSO, the Gizz Kids needed substantial support from us, but recently the situation has been so altered that they are more than self sufficient. One dream of ours is that the Gizz Kids may some day take their place as a regular varsity team for the University of Illinois; DSO is the only body now legally empowered to sponsor them.

The annual parent's weekend and awards banquet highlights the social year. It is the time of year when we personally, as well as formally, welcome new students and friends. It is the occasion for the old grads to gather around and make sure the younger generation is carrying the ball. The arrangement of the banquet is a job for our best planners and organizers, for roughly 300 attend.

This year's officers include: Tom Linde, president; Jim Seybold, vice-president; Sylvia Dean, secretary; Bill Richard, treasurer; and Roberta Edwards, member-at-large. President Linde's campaign platform called for more constructive monthly meetings. Since his election in January he has certainly carried out his promises. One meeting involved a debate entitled, "Resolved, Industry Should Not Hire The Physically Handicapped Individual." Another meeting was the scene of a panel discussion of "The Role of the Physically Handicapped Individual In An Able-Bodied World."

Thus, it becomes clear that DSO is not just another club, but a true service fraternity. It does more than exist; it produces.

Jim Boen

Tenth Annual Banquet

Just about the time when we had settled the general confusion of starting a new academic year, Delta Sigma Omicron held its Tenth Annual Banquet in the main Ballroom of Illini Union. The Banquet once again provided the perfect opportunity for Parents and Students of our Program to re-evaluate the aims and objectives of D.S.O.; it also provided an effective means of introducing Newcomers to the plan of D.S.O., along with a brief resumé of past achievements.

The menu consisted of an enjoyable, seven-course, Swiss-Steak dinner. People began arriving in droves at eight o'clock, and by eight-thirty, the evening was well under way. Joseph Ganns, delivered the Invocation, the meal followed, then at last the Entertainment, "Jokes" and Speeches. Vito Caleca, District Counselor of I.D.V.R., and Alumnus of our program, proved to be a very competent Toastmaster. Denied the opportunity of a normal secondary education, "Vic" still completed a Bachelor's program in Commerce in only three years, led D.S.O. as president during some of its most trying years, and upon graduation, was appointed Technical Personnel Manager of the Research Center of Owens-Corning Fiber Glass Company; the personal strength which caused these achievements was evident throughout his skillful handling of the entire evening. President Jim Boen offered official greetings, and then gave a general outline of D.S.O.; but, as in any Boen Speech, the jokes were there. Departing from tradition, Vic asked the father of one of our Alumnae, Mr. James McManus, to deliver the address on behalf of the parents. The usual custom of calling for an impromptu speech from one of the parents present, at random, seemed less apropos on this gala, 10th Anniversary occasion. Mr. McManus presented a penetrating evaluation of the Fraternity's ideals, with particular reference to the achievement of those ideals within the last ten years. Vic Caleca then introduced the many friends of D.S.O., both on and off campus. By far not the least of these, is "our own" Champaign rehabilitation counselor and constant benefactor, Mayor Emmerson Dexter. One tradition that was repeated this year was the entertainment supplied by our Brothers and Sisters of D.S.O.



Three Of The Four Scharper Award Winners—
Voy, Linde, And Dunn



Disabled American Veterans, Post #115,
Springfield, Being Presented Scharper Dis-
tinguished Service Award

We had vocal selections from Joan Woltzen, Janet Little, Bob Drew, and Sylvia Dean. Dave Micher and Ruth Keller did a pantomime. Instrumentalists were: Peggy Carter (Accordion), Charles Watson (Bongo Drums), Shirley Roden (Piano), and Joe Scotti (Organ).

Two awards are given annually at the Delta Sigma Omicron banquet in memory of Harold Scharper, one of the organization's most outstanding alumni. The first of these is the Harold Scharper Service Award given to the disabled person contributing the service deemed most significant to the advancement of the purposes of the university rehabilitation program. The second is the Harold Scharper Achievement Award presented to the disabled person exhibiting the most outstanding achievements in academic, physical, social and professional endeavors.



Service Award Winner, Phyllis Voy

For the year 1958 these awards were presented to 4 rather than 2 persons. To Thomas F. Linde and Phyllis Voy were given the service award and the achievement award was bestowed upon Marilyn A. Dunn and Marjorie Nelson. Marilyn (M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling) is a highly successful and productive rehabilitation counselor in St. Louis, Missouri. Her academic records in undergraduate and graduate schools as well as her social and professional achievements command great respect. She has done much in her present professional capacity to advance the opportunities of other disabled students in this field. She is presently a member of many professional organizations such as the American Personnel & Guidance association and through them is bringing much credit to herself and all disabled persons.

Marge (B.A. in Music Education) is now a teacher in the public schools of Palatine, Illinois. During her university work she was always a ready and willing volunteer for all activities of Delta Sigma Omicron and the rehabilitation program. Besides this she also did quite well scholastically, as evidenced by her over-all grade point of 4.76 and her election to Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Fraternity and Alpha Lambda Delta Honorary.



Service Award Winner, Tom Linde

Thomas Linde (doctoral candidate in educational psychology) has achieved notable success in every



Professor Nugent, Scharper Achievement
Award Winner Marilyn Dunn, And Toastmaster
Vito Caleca



This Is Jan
And She Can Sing Too!

way despite the severest of disabilities. Not only has he achieved personal success but he has also done much to serve others. Some of the services contributed by Tom since arrival at Illinois are such things as helping obtain a grant of over \$10,000 for the purchase of new buses for the Student Rehabilitation Center from Lynde-Bradley Foundation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and guiding Sigma Signs to its present position as a professional publication. In addition, through his speeches before seminar groups and his articles published in professional psychological journalism Tom stands as eloquent proof of the great capabilities and potential found in many severely handicapped persons.

Phyllis, a senior in the College of Journalism and Communications has been one of the most active in the service of Delta Sigma Omicron and the university program. She has served in several executive offices of Delta Sigma Omicron, a cheerleader for the Gizz Kids and as a member of many committees vital to Delta Sigma Omicron. She has participated also in the activities of the campus both in her dormitory and through other organizations such as the Student Union. On top of all this, she has maintained a high scholastic average. Needless to say, Phyllis has contributed much to Delta Sigma Omicron and the esteem which it and its members have gained.

After the awards had been made everyone joined in a rousing rendition of Illinois Loyalty.

Sylvia Dean, Joe Scotti

ATTENTION FRIENDS AND PARENTS! !

Delta Sigma Omicron is pleased to announce its eleventh annual banquet will be held in the Illini Union Ballroom October 31, 1959, at 6:30 p.m.

GIZZ KIDS RECEIVE CITATION

Over the last ten years the Illinois wheelchair basketball team has played a number of exhibition games in addition to its regular conference schedule. As a rule such exhibitions are played with teams made up of able-bodied players, using wheelchairs, to whom the Gizz Kids give liberal point handicaps. The profits from these games have been donated to organizations devoted to the discovery and cure of severe disease and disability. Over the years the team has contributed over \$15,000 to such agencies as the American Cancer Society, the National Polio Foundation, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

In recognition of the team's service the Muscular Dystrophy Association this year awarded it a citation. The plaque read in part: "In recognition of Distinguished Service in the search to find the cause and cure and in giving hope, comfort and service to those afflicted with Muscular Dystrophy."

The award was signed by Jerry Lewis, National Chairman, and Mrs. Lou Gehrig, National Campaign Chairman, James A. Farley, Honorary National Chairman, and William Mazer, National President.

Tom Linde



Gizz Kids Stein, Arnold, And Joyce Receiving M.D.A. Award

THE WOMEN

College life is composed of many different facets. Going to classes, going to concerts, plays, jazz, meeting friends for drinks and pizza, and it also includes living in a dormitory and getting acquainted with several hundred girls. This later facet proves interesting in a number of ways—from meeting girls who live in foreign countries to meeting girls who may live just a few blocks away from your home in Chicago. There are also the girls in the rehabilitation program. As we buzz up and down ramps, swing through the heaviest of doors, dodge closing elevators doors, our able bodied compatriots stare—sometimes with awe and sometimes with horror as we fly down a slope.

The best kind of friendship, however, is the boy-girl friendship. This type of friendship has become so popular that four of our girls are leaving dorm life behind and another is about to take the plunge also. Lola and Dean Nosker are married and have a baby girl. Barbara and Glen Meyer are married and living in a lovely trailer home in town. Sue Allen and Tom Joyce and Louise Fortman and Tom Jones will be married by next September. Sylvia Dean and Glen Bellows are engaged. By next September this list may have grown considerably, but for now the rest of us have only dorm life which to look forward.

This dorm life is not as bad as it might sound. There are always girls to talk with, friends who are popping pop corn, phones ringing, and phonograph records spinning around. Then there is study time, when the black sheep of the corridor plays her radio too loudly, or the counselor knocks on your door to reprimand for a vocal outburst of spontaneous enthusiasm. This is dorm life, and this is our life.

Bette Jane Henlein



*The Ladies And Their Gentlemen
Take Me Out To The Ballgame*

THE MEN

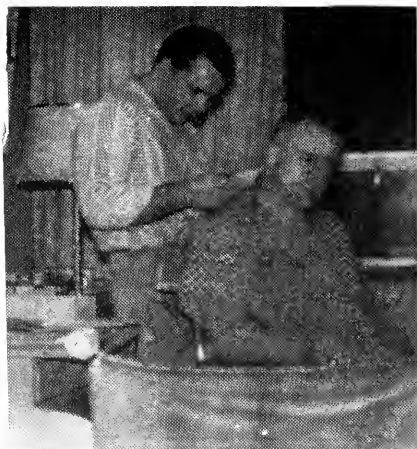
You can still hear stories of years past and the primitive life led in the P.G.U. barracks, but not much else of those days is left. Only a few rows of olive-drab barracks, tall stories, and Tim Nugent. That is all.

The new residence halls not only seem constructed to excite the retina but to improve accommodations. Such refinements as television, private telephones, lounges (replete with upholstered furniture), and maid service — these hint the degree to which we are now civilized.

Also: We see movies (talkies) in the basement recesses each Sunday afternoon. We play cards in a card room, of all places—thus leaving study rooms free for bull sessions. (Occasionally, to avoid winding up behind the scholastic eightball, we seek a place of abandonment, and cram.) And we take our meals in a cafeteria roughly the size of the playing field in Memorial stadium. Tradition impels us to gripe chronically about the bill of fare, and we do so loyally. Yet we never hesitate to line up early to eat.

Of course, some things will never change. Some things will always be the same: The diverse aspirations come Friday night, with the anarchic delight of an unconforming weekend in prospect, and our fondness for those who inhabit the Lincoln Avenue Residence Halls. These things do not change. Nor does our desire for knowledge, our avarice for inside dope on future examinations, or many of the other human characteristics that have furthered the careers of college men since the invention of the textbook. Whether we live in a barrack-room or an ultra-modern residence hall, the important things will always be the same.

Bob Hutchins



Hein's Clip Joint
No Longhairs Allowed



Everybody's Doing It

Alumni Briefs

Seventy alumni returned for the Annual Initiation and Awards Banquet during the fall of 1958. It was a wonderful get-together. Following the Banquet the local alumni sponsored a cocktail party for all alumni and special guests at the home of Donald W. Swift. It was really quite an affair. Those that haven't returned for some time would be surprised at all the things that have been accomplished on campus, particularly in behalf of wheelchair students and other severely handicapped students. Our alumni continue to be our greatest pride and greatest compliment. Many alumni have written to us regularly and others we have heard from occasionally or indirectly. Several alumni have made outstanding and distinct contributions to the program since their graduation. We will try to bring you up to date at least in part, about those we have heard from directly or indirectly.

WILLIAM R. ACHESON — Received the Edward L. Ryerson Travelling Fellowship in Architecture during his last year of school. He is currently spending six months in Europe, and getting around plenty. Bill is also on the staff of Bachman and Bertram Architects of Hammond, Indiana. **SALLY. NEE COURIER, ADAMS** — Husband and daughter are still enjoying life in San Diego, California. **BRUCE ALDENDIFER (MISS)** — Wrote to commend the Editorial Staff for the outstanding Sigma Signs they have produced the past two years. Stated how happy she was to receive it and be kept up to date on activities on campus and former classmates. Bruce still makes her home at 945 Jefferson St., Monterey, California with her air force officer husband Bob McDaniel. **KEN ANDERSON** — has completed everything but his final problem for his Ph. D. in Mathematics. He is a full time member of the Mathematics Faculty at the University of Illinois. Ken and his wife, Ann, invite many of our students to their lovely home in Timber Hills, a subdivision northeast of Urbana, on many occasions. Both are always available to help in special projects of the program. **ROBERT E. ANDERSON** — charter member, is still Director of Diversified Occupations in Mt. Vernon High School, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Bob returns almost every summer to do additional graduate studies. Wife, Pat, and son, Jimmy, are in excellent health. **MAX J. AUBUCHON** — has completed his graduate studies toward a Master's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling and is presently serving his internship in Brooklyn, New York. **JOHN AUBY** — has left the paper industry in Mayville, Wis. and joined the Engineering Products Department of the Train Company in Lacrosse, Wis. (Tim Nugent's old stomping grounds). John is an industrial designer. Wife, Barbara, and son, Dicky, are doing very well, the Aubys like Wisconsin. **JACQUELINE AUCLAIR** — still happy as a business machine supervisor in Chicago, Illinois.

ELEANOR BAINUM — Is still making a home for C. Dale Rush, her husband, and also an alumnus who is District Counselor of Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, with offices in Mattoon, Illinois. **THOMAS BARNARD, JR.** — is still just a shadow of his old self (180 lbs) looking mighty good and enjoying his work in the neat packing business in Chicago, Illinois. **MAX BARTEL** — has forgotten how to write

On last word he continues in sales work, successfully, covering a major portion of the state of Illinois and part of Iowa. **MARVIN BERRON** — Wife, Shirley, and their 3 children are enjoying their new home just outside of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Marv has resigned as Budget and Research Secretary for United Fund of Allen County of Indiana and accepted a job as Manager of Office Operations for a construction company in Fort Wayne, Indiana. **LESTER D. BLANKENSHIP** — Past President of D. S. O., and Chairman of Theodore Leslie Memorial Fund, has been promoted to Chief, Rehabilitation Services, Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Springfield, Illinois. Les and Joanne have a very healthy and active son, Bernie. He will be pushing Les around in another year. **SARAH BLACHER** — who graduated with Honors in LAS and with Highest Distinction in English is pursuing graduate studies leading toward teaching. **JAMES BOEN** — is completing his Ph. D. in Mathematics and has received an appointment to the teaching faculty of the University of Illinois. Wife, Dorothy, keeps him pretty well in tow. Jim is immediate Past President of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Omicron. **SUE BRENIFF** — is still enjoying office work in Toledo, Ohio but writes that she is contemplating migrating to California. Yes, she is still single. **WAYNE H. BROEREN** — having moved up from accountant to sales and estimates with the Thompson Lumber Company, Champaign, is doing very well. "Gig", wife "Cec", son and daughter are happy in their new home. "Gig" along with other local alumni have organized a Champaign-Urbana Wheelchair Basketball Team which is now accredited and planning a full season's schedule. **ARDYTH BROESKE** — now Mrs. Hal Reichers visited with us while the Gizz Kids were participating in the National Tournament in California. Ardyth looks mighty fine and seems to enjoy married life. She talked very enthusiastically about her two year old daughter. (See Hal Reichers) **MARILYN BROWN** — now Mrs. Allan Smith, writes frequently. The Galesburg Daily Register had a full page spread on Marilyn and the capable way in which she manages her new home and her three children. It was a most commendable story. Husband, Al, is doing very well. **MARTIN BURNHAM** — now in Hartford, Connecticut has been getting to New York for occasional activities and is still working in developing a recreational program for handicapped in Hartford. **PAUL BROWN** — after completing his first degree served as Assistant Dean of Men at the University of Illinois and has recently gone to Northern Ohio University to complete his law degree. **FRED BUMPUS** — has forgotten how to write.

VITO A. CALECA — Past President. D. S. O., has just been promoted to Chief of Guidance, Training and Placement, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Vic. wife, Virginia, and son, Victor, will be moving to Springfield in the near future. **JOHN H. CALKINS** — is still with the Goodall Corporation in Ogallala, Nebraska. John now is completing or has his private pilot's license. He dropped into the office for a visit shortly after having had an airplane accident. No real damage. John is doing very well. **MARTHA CARBERRY** — has completed her undergraduate work and is pursuing a mas-

ter's degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling at the University of Illinois. **CHARLES F. CHAPMAN** — is an editor for the Journal of American Medical Association, Chicago, Illinois, and is doing quite well. **JACK CHASE** — continues as pastor of the Foursquare Church in St. Maries, Idaho. Mutual friends tell us the Rev. Jack Chase is doing a most commendable job, as we would expect. Jack still travels far and wide in the conduct of his church activities and also in participation in various wheelchair sports. Jack, wife, Marian, and daughters, Lynette and Joni like the Idaho countryside. **H. ROBERT (TED) CHENAULT, JR.** — pursuing his law degree following the completion of his undergraduate degree, has been appointed a residence counselor at the University of Illinois. In this capacity, Ted works very closely with the Rehabilitation Office and is doing a commendable job. **RAYMOND F. CRIGGER** — is still practicing law in Los Angeles, California where he is a public defender. Haven't heard much from Ray or wife, Kay. **ADRIENNE B. CUSON** — having completed both her bachelor's and master's degree and her professional internship is now a vocational counselor in the rehabilitation department of the Oak Forest TB Sanitarium, Oak Forest, Illinois. **ELEANOR CYPRESS** — has accepted a position as assistant to speech therapist in Chicago, Illinois. Eleanor received her degree in speech correction.

CHARLES DAHNCKE — having completed his undergraduate studies in February has accepted a position as accountant for the N. A. Baldridge Oil Product Company and Drilling Company Ashlev, Illinois. Chuck is also under consideration for the position of assistant to the insurance supervisor, University of Illinois. Chuck contemplates marriage in the near future.

FRANK DEVO — continues to serve as chairman of the Board of Directors of Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc. and continues his law practice in Rock Island, Illinois where he is also doing legal work for the federal government. Frank writes that he, Betty, and family are doing very well and hope to visit the campus this coming summer. **DIANNE DEZAUCHE** — now Mrs. Donald Glyn, also an alumnus (see Donald Glyn.) **FRANK DOLOSZYCKI** — is completing his work in drafting at the Vocational Technical Institute of Southern Illinois University. Frank writes periodically to keep us posted on his progress and to ask for additional help in his activities at S. I. U. **DON DONEY** — has accepted a position with P. John Hoener, Architects and Associates in Webster Groves, Missouri. Don is an architect. **MARLIN DOUGHTY** — is working with the Schaal Furnace Co. in Des Moines, Iowa. Marlin has indicated that he intends to return to school for additional studies. **HAROLD DRAKE** — we hear about Harold through our mutual friends, but Harold has forgotten how to write. We hear he still is operating his own business in Albuquerque, New Mexico. **EUGENE DREYER** — has returned to Kansas City upon the completion of his degree to work with the Dreyer Commission Co. where he is going to learn the business from the ground up. **MARILYN DUNN** — has accepted an appointment as rehabilitation counselor, Medical School, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri and is also an instructor in vocational rehabilitation counseling at the university. Marilyn has completed both her bachelor's and master's degree and served her internship at Georgia Warm Springs Foundation. Marilyn visits campus periodically and Tim Nugent

reports having visited with her at recent conventions. She is doing very well. **JOHN EARLY** — is a proof reader with C. M. S. Publications in Palo Alto, California. John writes that he likes his work and likes California. **WAYNE ECCLES** — has corresponded recently. He is presently working in Miami, Florida, is married, and has organized a wheelchair basketball team in the NWBA. **EDNA ELTERICH** — has withdrawn from school and is presently working for Dr. Yankowich in the Physical Chemistry Dept. of the University. **GENE EMMERICH** — presently on the staff of the State Unemployment Service in Chicago, Illinois. Rumors have it that Gene still has political aspirations. He was a candidate for the office of county clerk of Cole County.

WILLIAM FIFE — has been appointed assistant supervisor of Student Services, Institute of Rehabilitation, Southern Illinois University. Bill is also pursuing some graduate studies following his year of graduate work at the University of Illinois. Bill has worked closely with the administration at Southern Illinois University in developing a program comparable to that which we have at the University of Illinois. **MARYLEE FLETCHER** — is continuing on the staff of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Champaign, Illinois where she works with our good friend Mr. Emmerson V. Dexter, who has recently been elected mayor of the city of Champaign. **ROBERT FRERES** — has left the First National Bank of Kenosha, Wisconsin and is currently an accountant with Tom J. Agres, and Company, public accountants, auditors, and tax consultants, Chicago, Illinois.

JOSEPH GANNS — is completing his master's degree in Education and Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling and will begin his internship in June or August. Joe, wife, Joanne, have two very fine children and are contemplating the building of a new home. **JOY GILPIN** — is doing home teaching with a private agency in Brooklyn, New York. **ROBERT GLEASON** — is legal advisor to the Division of Hospitals, Department of Health, State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois. Bob is doing very well. **DONALD GLYN** — and wife Dianne have returned to Chicago, Illinois where Don has accepted a position as superintendent, Office Services Dept., Zurich Insurance Co., Chicago, Illinois. **ELEANOR GORNTO** — after completing her bachelor's degree is now completing her master's degree and is considering a part-time teaching position in the English Department of the University of Illinois. **JOHN GORRELL** — is a dispatcher with the Illinois Power Co., Granite City, Illinois. **C. BEN GRAHAM, JR.** — now Dr. C. Ben Graham, having completed his medical studies and serving his residency at the Children's Orthopedic Hospital, Seattle, Washington. Ben, wife, Pearl have a little daughter, Leslie. Ben has recently written about his keen interest in organizing a wheelchair basketball team and recreation program for the handicapped in the Seattle area. **MELVIN GREEN** — has received a big promotion with Arthur Young and Co., accountants, Los Angeles, California.

CAROL HALL — drops us a nice card on occasion, but no specific information. We gather she's doing well. **LOIS JEAN HANNAH** — now married with a family. Her husband is completing his graduate studies at the University of Illinois. **ANDREA HANSEN** — now Mrs. Ralph Patzke, (also an alumnus) is working for Tanner and Patterson, attorneys in Champaign, Illinois. **RICH-**

ARD HAYDEN — completed his studies in February 1959 and has accepted a position as an engineer with Hughes Aircraft Corp., Culver City, California. **MARCIA HEDIGER** — is now a secretary in the horticulture dept., University of Illinois. **HARRIS HJELTER** — wife Shirley, (formerly Shirley Sayers) both alumni, don't write much. They are living and working in Memphis, Tennessee. **WILLARD D. HOLLOWAY** — past president, is still personnel manager for Bemis Paper Bag Co. in Peoria, Illinois. Bill, wife Joanne, and daughter Ann, have a lovely home in the suburbs of Peoria. **RAY HOUSE** — honorary D. S. O. member, is now an attorney for the North American Mortgage Corp, St. Petersburg, Florida. **MARILYN KAY HOWARD** — is on the office staff of Community Memorial Hospital, Charleston, Illinois. **BRICE HUDDESTON** — counselor, Special Services for the Blind, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Springfield, Illinois. **RAYMOND J. HUNT** — resigned his position as engineer with the Petro Chemical Corporation of Tuscola, Illinois and migrated with wife Harriet to Arizona, where he and another alumnus, John S. Young, have formed their own architectural engineering firm.

HELEN K. JACKSON — a bookkeeper, Nortell-Edidin, Inc. Maywood, Illinois. Kay is very active in several civic and rehabilitation groups in the metropolitan Chicago area. **ROALD JACOBSEN** — practicing law in Rockford, Illinois and still has strong political aspirations. **LYSLE ELIZABETH JOHNSON** — is the alumna that has come the furthest to attend the annual D.S.O. fall festivities, all the way from Coral Gables, Florida where she is working with Eastern Airlines, Inc. **TOM JONES** — who will receive his bachelor's degree this coming June has been on the staff of WCIA Television, the largest in central Illinois, as a staff announcer and feature announcer for two years and will move up to full time work with them following the completion of his schooling. **GEORGE F. JUNGLES** — with wife Betty are doing very well with their own laundry business in Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT KALOUPKE — past president, is county treasurer, Poweshiek County, Iowa. We understand Bob has stronger political aspirations and anticipate that he will continue to move up the ladder. **RUTH KELLER** — now Mrs. David Mieher, is financial secretary for the First Methodist Church, Champaign, Illinois and continues to be very active in D.S.O. functions. **JANE KING** — has been teaching in the Champaign school system this past year. She is now Mrs. John W. Melin. John is completing work on his Ph. D. in Civil Engineering. **PAUL L. KISH** — is on the administrative staff of one of the large hospitals in Chicago, Illinois. **LULA JEAN KUSSART** — now Mrs. Robert Flaughter. She and Bob are making their home in Decatur, Illinois where Bob is Supervisor of Physical Education in the elementary and intermediate schools. Lula is working full time, as well.

MARVIN LAPICOLA — is an accountant with Richardson Company, Plastic Products, Melrose Park, Illinois. **BONNIE LAWRENCE** — is now Mrs. Len Mitchell. Last mailing to Bonnie was returned because of insufficient address. **JAMES L. LEE** — teaching high school in Edwight, West Virginia. **WAYNE LEMBURG** — is an instructor in business management at the University of Illinois. Wayne is a charter member of Delta Sigma Omicron. **EDGAR LEVY, JR.** — managing his own accounting firm in Cincinnati, Ohio. **THOMAS F. LINDE** — now President of D.S.O. is completing his Ph. D. in educational psychology, serving as alumni advisor to Sigma

Signs which he has edited for the past two years. He has been called to Cincinnati, Ohio for special consultation with U.C.P. and has been giving lectures throughout the middle-west. Tom has published significant articles in the Journal of Psychology and other professional publications. **THOMAS LUTTIER** — wife Betty, and children Kathy and Mark, sent a family picture with their Christmas card. A very lovely family. The Luttiers have sold their motel but continue their other business interests in Madeira Beach, Florida.

JOHN MAKRIS — charter member, now Dr. Makris, is practicing veterinary medicine in Decatur, Illinois. John, JoAnn, and three daughters are still thinking of building a new home in Decatur. **FRANCIS H. MALONE** — receiving his degree this past February has accepted a position as supervisor of the collection department, Field Enterprises Educational Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. **WALLACE MANVILLE, JR.** — wife Greta are in San Francisco, Calif. where Wally is working and continuing to take some academic studies. **JANET MARSHALL** — after having completed her graduate studies in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling has accepted a position as rehabilitation counselor, Gotsch Rehabilitation Center, Thermopolis, Wyoming. **KEN MATTHIAS** — is working in Crown Point, Indiana with the McLaughlin's Golf Ball Plant. He has recently taken — Norma Jean McClure as his wife. Norma subsequently resigned her position with the Champaign County Credit Bureau. **WILLIAM H. MAYO** — proof reader, Catholic Guild for Blind, Chicago, Illinois. **BONNIE MCMANUS** — is a graduate assistant in bacteriology while pursuing graduate studies in bacteriology. Bonnie is residing in Student-Staff Apartments and is doing very well. **MARY LOU MEINERT** — a fourth grade teacher, Morris Kennedy School Rockford, Illinois. **FRANK J. MINISTER** — has passed away within the past year and a half. Frank had cardiac complications. **JERRY MORGAN** — completing his undergraduate work this past February, has accepted a position as a mechanical engineer with International Harvester Company, Hinsdale, Illinois. Jerry was married during his last year on campus. **ROBERT E. MIRANDA** — formerly a dispatcher with Illini Reefer Company has received a promotion to an administrative position with the same firm. Bob, wife Ethel, daughter Cindy, built their own home in southwest Champaign. **JANE MURPHY** — B. S. '57, now Mrs. Paul Przypyszny, has not corresponded since her husband completed recently his graduate studies at the University.

MARJORIE NELSON — Music Teacher. Public Schools of Palatine, Illinois. Marge has accepted a real challenge, teaching in several of the schools of that district. She was recipient of the Harold Scharper Achievement Award this past year, and has visited the campus quite frequently. **DEAN NOSKER** — Assistant Extension Editor, College of Agriculture, University of Illinois. Dean also married Lola Lange during her senior year of school. Dean and Lola have a little daughter, 4 months old. **WILLIAM NOTHDURFT** — Inspector with one of the large meat packing plants in Chicago, Illinois.

DANIEL O'CONNELL — resigned from the Personnel Offices, Sears Roebuck & Company to spend a year travelling through Russia, Europe and even into Red China. Dan is now Advertising Account Merchandiser, McCann-Erickson Advertising Agency, Chicago, Illinois. **AL OELSCHLEGEL** — charter member, wife Hattie and daughter Alana continue to

enjoy their new home in north Urbana. Al continues to manage his own accounting and auditing business in Champaign-Urbana and continues to serve as treasurer of Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc. **JAMES R. OLDEN** — passed away as a result of a cerebral edema during the last school year. **MARK ORR** — currently spending six months in Europe following completion of his Ph. D. in Sociology. Upon his return Mark anticipates accepting a position on the faculty of one of several small colleges in Illinois which have expressed an interest in him.

RALPH PATZKE — has resigned from the Rogers Motor Company to accept a position as Radio Dispatcher for the F. R. Inskip Company, Champaign, Illinois. Ralph is married to another alumnus, Andrea Hansen. **GLENWOOD R. PERKINS** — is Advertising Design Specialist for Eisner - Jewell Food Company, headquarters in the new Eisner Office Building in north Champaign. Glen continues to do considerable art work in addition to his regular job and has illustrated for many publications and special programs. Wife, Marge, continues to serve as a nurse at the University Health Center. Glen is one of the charter members of the new Champaign-Urbana Wheelchair Basketball Team. **PERRY PERSONS** — has forgotten how to write. We have heard that he is working as an electrical engineer in Pennsylvania. Incidentally, he still owes Tim some money on a bet he lost.

ALLARD PETTIT — is working in an administrative capacity with Industrial Handicapped Services, Rockford, Illinois. **JOHN PRINCE** — Past President, continues to make his home in DesPlaines, Illinois where John is Chief Accountant for Canvas Products Manufacturing Company.

SALO REBHAN — no direct word from Salo. The grapevine tells us that he is being kept busy interpreting in the various languages in which he is so proficient for various businesses in the Chicago area. **HAROLD REICHERS** — working for Hughes Aircraft Corporation in Culver City, California and organizing and coaching one of the outstanding wheelchair basketball teams in the California area. We had the opportunity to visit with Hal and his lovely wife, Ardyth, on our recent visit to California for the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. Both are doing very well and life seems to be agreeing with them. **ROBERT L. RYAN** — managing his own watch repair and jewelry business in Hines, Illinois.

HARRY SCHANNING — teaching history in the metropolitan Detroit area. **DANIEL SCHUB** — Production Editor of Technical Manuals, Technical Publication Section, Automatic Electric Company, North Lake, Illinois. Danny is now married. He, wife Ruth, have a year old daughter, Linda Gail. **BERNARD SCHUFELDT** — Past President, and formerly Public Relations Director for the Highland Park Hospital Foundation, Highland Park, Illinois passed away quite abruptly as a result of an acute infection in his leg. Our sincere sympathy and best wishes go to his lovely wife, Ann, Bernie's work on campus and work in behalf of the handicapped will long be remembered. **DONALD W. SEIFFERTH** — Cost Accountant, Inland Manufacturing Division, General Motors Corp., Dayton, Ohio. He and wife, Marcia Ann, are healthy and happy. **WANDA SIKORA** — Secretary, Science Research Associates, Chicago, Illinois. **JAMES SLOAN** — About the time that Jim was to begin his work as a special adjustment teacher for the blind in Columbus, Ohio, he had to enter a hospital for surgical procedures on his ears. Jim was still hospitalized anticipating fur-

ther surgery as recent as one month ago. Jim graduated with Honors from the College of Liberal Arts and Science and with Highest Distinction in Philosophy. **ALICE MAE SMITH** — retired from the insurance business to get married and make a home for her husband in Richmond Heights, Missouri. **RONALD L. SMOOT** — Past President, underwent several surgical procedures during the past year and had a real tough battle. Ron has returned with his usual vigor and stimulating personality to resume his responsibilities as a full time member of the faculty of the College of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Illinois. **WAYLAND SMITH** — is just living it up. He serves as a deep sea fishing guide in Florida four months during the winter and as a resort fishing guide in Wisconsin for three months during the summer. We understand he is a good guide. Paraplegia does not deter him one bit. It is what he likes to do.

TONY SOKOL — is still working for the Federal government in Maplewood, Missouri. The Sokol family now numbers 6 and are doing very well. **FRED SPRINGE** — returned to campus to complete his Master's Degree and then accepted a position as research mathematician with Hughes Aircraft Company in Fullerton, California. We had a chance to visit with Fred and Arlene during the National Tournament in Garden Grove, California where Fred served as Official Scorekeeper. The Springes now have three youngsters, Deborah, Fred, Jr., and Barbara Del. We enjoyed our visit with Fred and Arlene very much. **JAMES W. STEWART** — Director of Vocational Agriculture and Agriculture Education in the public school system in Mattoon, Illinois came to the rescue of Tim and some of the boys when they ran out of gas in Mattoon, Illinois late one night (or early one morning) when he had one of his friends open up a filling station. Jim drops into the office quite frequently and is looking very well. He is presently under consideration for a high state office. The Stewarts had a third child, a boy, during the past year. **JOHN STORER** — is an administrator with the Chicago Park District, immediate past president of Vaughn Chapter of PVA and devoting a major portion of his leisure time to project work in the National Paraplegia Foundation. Some of his efforts have proven most fruitful. **WILLIAM SUMMERS** — Word from the master specialist of the grapevine, Mark Howell, of the PGU Mailroom, tells us that Bill is teaching at Michigan State University. **DORIS JEAN SUTTON** — now Mrs. Norman Groth, is secretary to the Kankakee County March of Dimes and in this capacity has arranged for many special events in behalf of the national foundation, one of them a wheelchair basketball game featuring the Illinois Gizz Kids and the Illinois Gizz Kids Alumni. Her efforts have been most successful. Doris and Norman are planning to build a new home in Kankakee and have a very lovely little daughter. **DONALD W. SWIFT** — Charter member, past president, is still Placement Officer for the Department of Non academic Personnel at the University of Illinois. Don has assumed many other responsibilities and is doing quite well. Don continues to serve as President of Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc., and this past year was once again elected President of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.

LYSANDER THOMPSON — past president, now Dr. Thompson, is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Minnesota. **JOHN W. TORRANCE, JR.** — has received a promotion with the Harry B.

Phibbs Advertising Firm in Chicago, Illinois. Jack was the first student to graduate from the accredited curriculum in medical technical writing. Jack and wife, Lillian, are both in excellent health and enjoying their apartment on the South Shore of Lake Michigan in Chicago. **LEAH MAE TRUXELL** — now Mrs. Charles Tagg, who resigned from her teaching position in Gifford, Illinois to be a full time housewife is contemplating teaching again in Champaign. Hubby Chuck, is an insurance investigator. Both are doing very well. **MARY TRAUTMAN** — Supervisor of Children's Play at Notre Dame de la Protection in Canada where she also has certain administrative responsibilities. Mary writes that she likes her work and her new environs very, very much. We wish her success in her new endeavors.

ROBERT E. UNDERWOOD — continues as Manager of the National Association of Educational Broadcasting Network with headquarters at the University of Illinois Radio Station. Bob, wife Nancy, and daughter are all doing very well. The Underwoods now have an apartment in southeast Urbana. **FRANCIS L. VERDUN** — continues as Principal of the Consolidated High School and Elementary School in Dakota and Rock City, Illinois. **SHELDON WACHLER** — was married immediately following completion of his undergraduate studies. The Wachlers are making their home in Detroit, Michigan where Shelley is studying some law courses while working. Shelley has forgotten how to write. **KENNETH C. WAGONER** — working with the Food Machinery and Chemical Corporation in Hoopeston, Illinois. Ken is married and has one child, and is still planning to develop his own business in near future. Ken is one of the boys playing with the alumni now organized as the Champaign-Urbana Wheelchair Basketball Team. **DON WAHLE** — Words received indirectly through the Federal Civil Service indicate that Don has accepted a civil service job in Michigan. We have heard no details. **ROBERT L. WALLER** — Many of us were surprised when we saw Bob on a national television show featuring the Hughes Aircraft Corporation where Bob is in management work. Bob is married and has three children and is living in sunny California. **BETTY JANE WENZ** — is completing her Master's Degree in Education and Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling this June. Upon completing her undergraduate studies she accepted a position as residence hall counselor at the University of Illinois and began to pursue her graduate studies. **EDGAR WHITEHEAD** — continues as Supervisor of the Physical Department of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City. Ed is still a bachelor, what's the matter with those girls in Oklahoma. The girls in Illinois aren't that slow. **JACK WHITMAN** — Past President, resigned his position with Radio Station WKID to join the staff of Radio Station WDWs where he is doing very well. Jack and wife, Mary,

are enjoying their new home in northwest Champaign. Both are healthy and prosperous. **RONALD A. WIEDNER** — sent a very nice letter following the last issue of Sigma Signs. Ronald is now Dr. Ronald A. Wiedner and maintains his own practice in optometry in Highland, Illinois. We understand Ronald is doing very well. **BRUCE B. WIEMER** — completing his undergraduate studies in February and will remain on campus to take some additional studies and to be close to a certain someone. Bruce is seriously considering one of two employment possibilities this June. **PATRICIA ANN WIGGINS** — presently secretary to the chairman of the National Foundation at Cicero, Illinois. Pat corresponds quite often and visits the campus occasionally. She is doing quite well. **LELAND WISE** — is a top level account ant with Elsner-Jewell Food Company. Lee is doing very well. Lee, wife Joan Woll, also an alumnus, and daughter Ann, are all in good health and are enjoying suburban living in their new home. **ELLSWORTH WOLFE** — one of the original gang at the Galesburg Division of the University back in 1948 dropped us a line to acknowledge his last Sigma Signs and bring us up to date. Ellsworth is owner and manager of the Twin City Yellow Cab Company and also the National Car Rentals Company in Rock Falls, Illinois. He is now married to Kathleen and the Wolfes have three children, Pamela—6 years. Ellsworth — 4 years, and Douglas — 2 years. **LAWRENCE WOS** — Ph.D. in Mathematics, is a mathematician for Argonne National Laboratories in Lemont, Illinois. We hear that he and wife, Nancy, are doing very well. **ANTON (TONY) WYPYCH** — is an architect with an architectural and structural firm in Lake Forest, Illinois. Tony is living in Waukegan, Illinois. We understand he is doing very well.

JOHN SANDY YOUNG — got adventurous a year or so ago and resigned his position as structural engineer with the Mississippi Valley Structural Steel Company of Melrose Park, Illinois and with his wife, Sandy, migrated to the southwest. This past year Sandy and another alumnus, Ray Hunt, formed their own architectural engineering firm in Phoenix, Arizona. John and Sandy are enjoying a new home they recently built. We hear that John and Sandy are very active in civic and church affairs. **RONALD R. (GABBY) YOUNG** — and his wife continue to make their home in Lincoln, Illinois where Ron is working in retail sales.

Any omissions are an oversight or due to the fact we have not heard from some alumni directly or indirectly in the past twelve months. If some information is outdated it is for the same reason. We are anxious to hear from all alumni and former students and we want them posted on developments on campus and elsewhere. We frequently receive letters from alumni asking about other alumni. This is the best way to keep everyone informed, because we are all interested.

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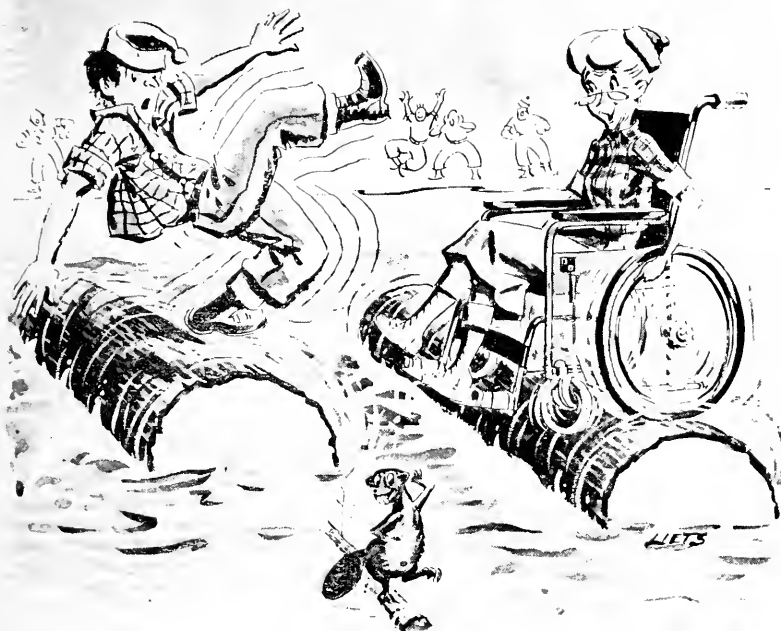
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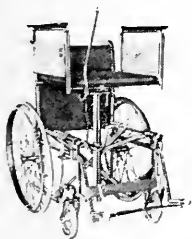
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